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January 21, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY FOUNDATION AND RELATED APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT (THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment to transfer \$150,000 of Third District Discretionary Extraordinary Maintenance funds from the Extraordinary Maintenance Budget to the Project and Facility Development Fund Budget.
2. Approve and instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the attached Funding Agreement with the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History Foundation (the Foundation) to transfer the \$150,000 from the Project and Facility Development Fund to the Foundation to assist with planning activities related to the proposed improvements or replacement of the Natural History Museum facilities.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended actions will provide the Natural History Museum Foundation with funding to assist in planning activities related to the proposed improvement or replacement of existing museum facilities at Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County at Exposition Park.



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The existing Natural History Museum facilities were primarily constructed between 1910 and 1930. The existing facilities do not have sufficient space to display the majority of the Museum's collection nor can they accommodate modern display and learning techniques. In addition, the facilities do not meet current building codes for seismic and fire safety, energy efficiency or access for persons with disabilities.

The proposed grant agreement, and the related appropriation adjustment, will provide funding to assist the Foundation in its planning activities to improve or replace the existing facilities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will support the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by supporting activities related to the investment in public infrastructure.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed funding agreement provides for the transfer of \$150,000 to the Foundation. The funding for the agreement is provided from Third District Extraordinary Maintenance funds. The attached appropriation adjustment will transfer the funds from the Extraordinary Maintenance Fund Budget to the Project and Facility Development Fund Budget to properly account for and encumber the agreement.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The agreement allows the Foundation to expend the funds for planning activities and other pre-construction costs, including but not limited to environmental assessments, feasibility studies, master planning, programming, architecture and design, project management, engineering and other design costs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Any improvements or replacement of facilities that may be proposed as a result of the Foundation's planning activities will be required to undergo an environmental assessment pursuant to CEQA and the appropriate environmental document will be prepared and presented to your Board for approval prior to any construction activity.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other currently planned projects but will assist the Foundation with planning activities to improve and/or replace the Museum.

CONCLUSION

Please return one conformed copy of this action to the Chief Administrative Office (Capital Projects Division) and the Auditor-Controller.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller

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